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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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	)	Examiner: Stephen M. Baker
Serial Number:	)	
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Disk Device with Improved  
Error Correction Capability

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following.

**THE CLAIMS:**

The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A disk device comprising:
- a disk drive including a head for reading data written to a disk and a processing circuit for processing the data; and
  - a host computer connected to said disk drive through an interface;
- wherein the processing circuit of said disk drive includes a low-level error-correction code unit for performing error correction of the data written to a physical address corresponding to a single sector of the disk; and
- the host computer includes a high level error correction code unit for performing error correction of the read data supplied through the interface and read from more than one sector of the disk.